

PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the County Highlights was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These Highlights are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each Highlights includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



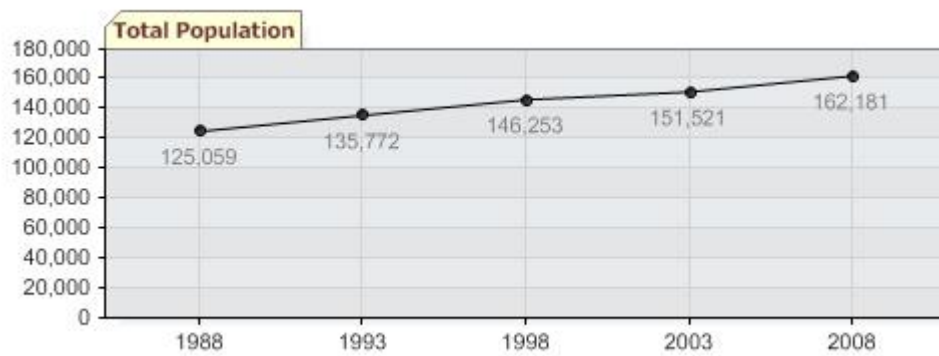
Location

Porter County is located in Northwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Jasper County. The County is adjacent to LaPorte County on the east, Lake Michigan is to the north, and Lake County to the west. Porter County is one of the seven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 1.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

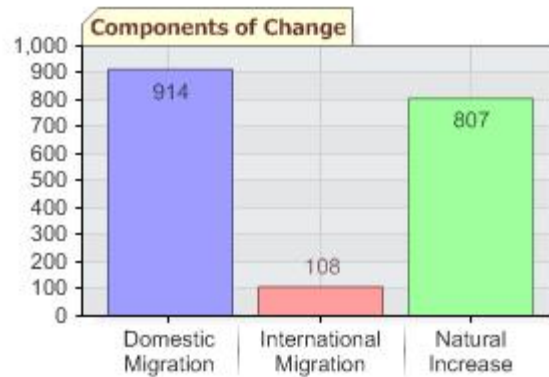
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	125,059	135,772	146,253	151,521	162,181
Change Since 1988		10,713	21,194	26,462	37,122
Pct. Change Since 1988		8.6%	16.9%	21.2%	29.7%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	914
International Migration	108
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	807
Births	2,000
Deaths	1,193



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

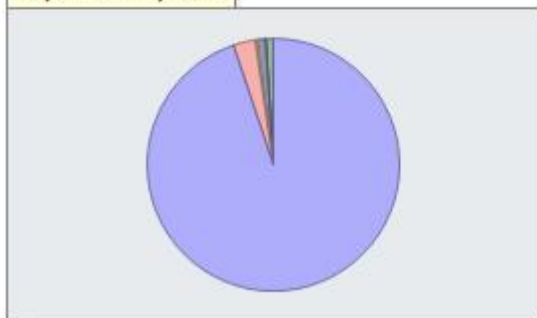
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	9,781	6.1%
School Age	28,354	17.7%
College Age	16,295	10.2%
Young Adult	42,547	26.5%
Older Adult	45,046	28.1%
Older (65 plus)	18,555	11.6%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	410	0.3%
Asian Alone	1,723	1.1%
Black Alone	4,538	2.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	37	0.0%
White Alone	152,311	95.0%
Two or More Race Groups	1,559	1.0%

Population by Race



95.04 %	White
2.83 %	Black
0.26 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
1.08 %	Asian
0.02 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.97 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	150,086	93.6%
Hispanic or Latino	10,492	6.5%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

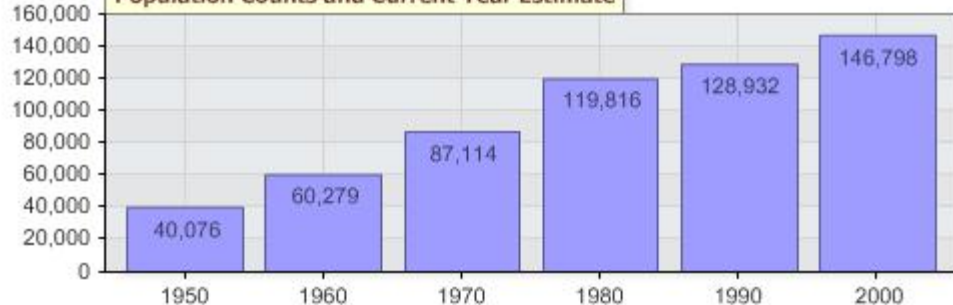
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	54,649	100.0%
Family Households	39,709	72.7%
Married with Children	15,098	27.6%
Married without Children	17,569	32.1%
Single Parents	4,029	7.4%
Other	3,013	5.5%
Non-family Households	14,940	27.3%
Living Alone	12,144	22.2%
Average Household Size	2.69	
Average Family Household Size	3.71	

Source: US Census Bureau

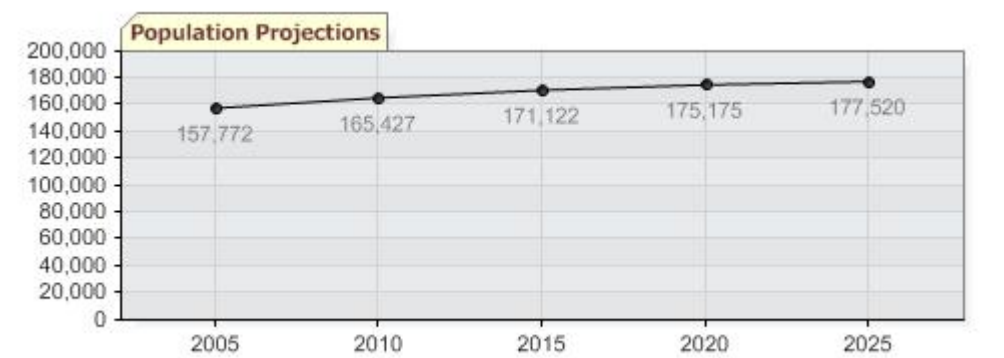
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	40,076	NA	NA
1960	60,279	20,203	50.4%
1970	87,114	26,835	44.5%
1980	119,816	32,702	37.5%
1990	128,932	9,116	7.6%
April 2000	146,798	17,866	13.9%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate



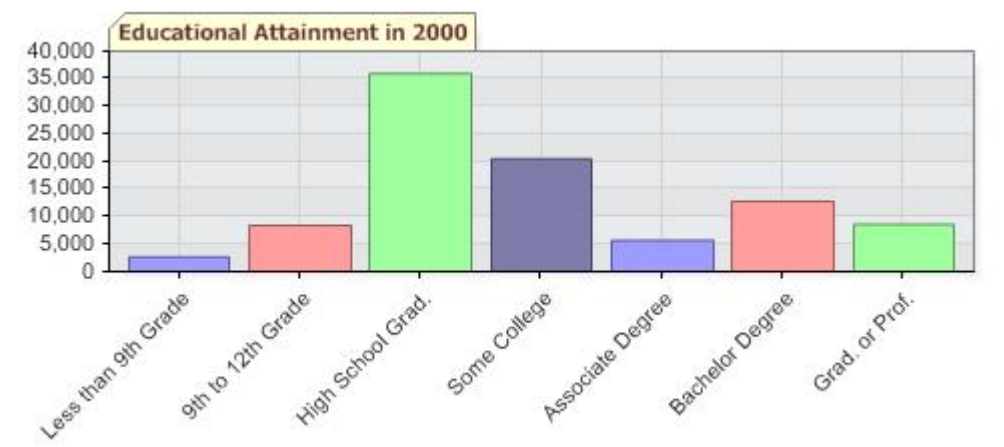
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	157,772	165,427	171,122	175,175	177,520
Change Since 2005		7,655	13,350	17,403	19,748
Pct. Change Since 2005		4.9%	8.5%	11.0%	12.5%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

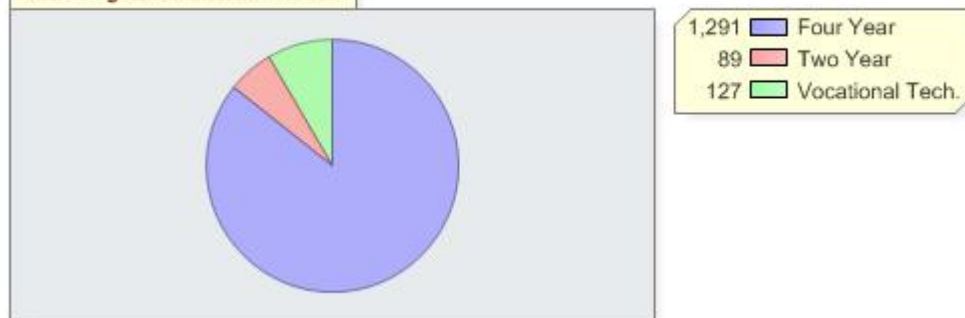
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	42,180	64,843	79,625	94,462
Less than 9th Grade	8,201	6,983	4,194	2,664
9th to 12th, No Diploma	8,476	9,534	9,814	8,426
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	16,622	29,631	31,451	35,910
Some College, No Degree			14,693	20,460
Associate Degree			4,713	5,661
Bachelors Degree			8,518	12,743
Graduate or Professional Degree			6,242	8,598



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	1,759	1,724	1,743	1,781
Total to Higher Education	1,423	1,460	1,419	1,507
Four-Year Institution	1,216	1,208	1,245	1,291
Two-Year Institution	111	120	73	89
Vocational/Tech.	96	132	101	127
Military	45	32	31	28

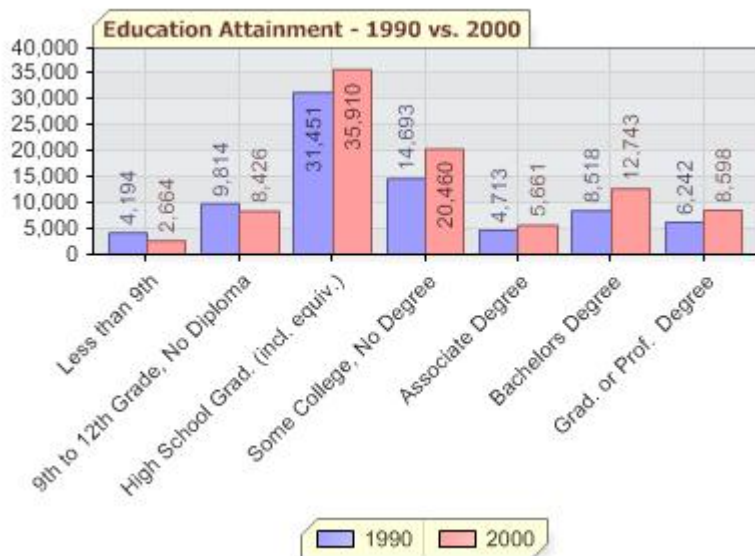
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	79,625	100.0%	94,462	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	4,194	5.3%	2,664	2.8%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	9,814	12.3%	8,426	8.9%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	31,451	39.5%	35,910	38.0%
Some College, No Degree	14,693	18.5%	20,460	21.7%
Associate Degree	4,713	5.9%	5,661	6.0%
Bachelors Degree	8,518	10.7%	12,743	13.5%
Graduate or Professional Degree	6,242	7.8%	8,598	9.1%

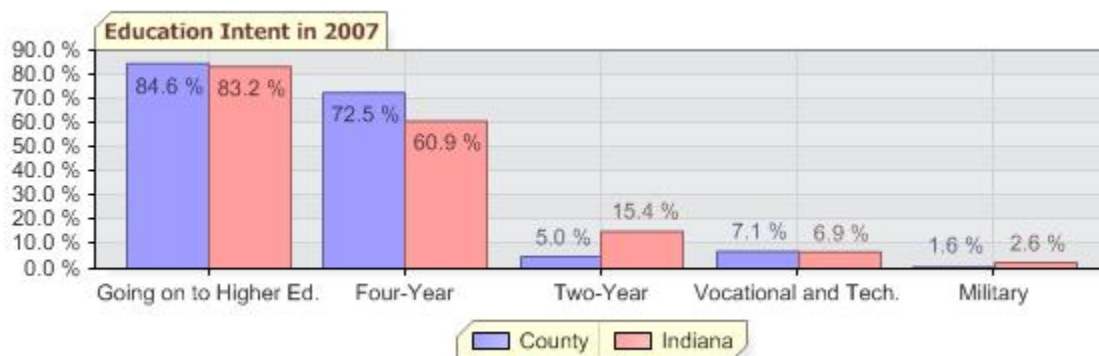


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	84.6%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	72.5%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	5.0%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	7.1%	6.9%
Military	1.6%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

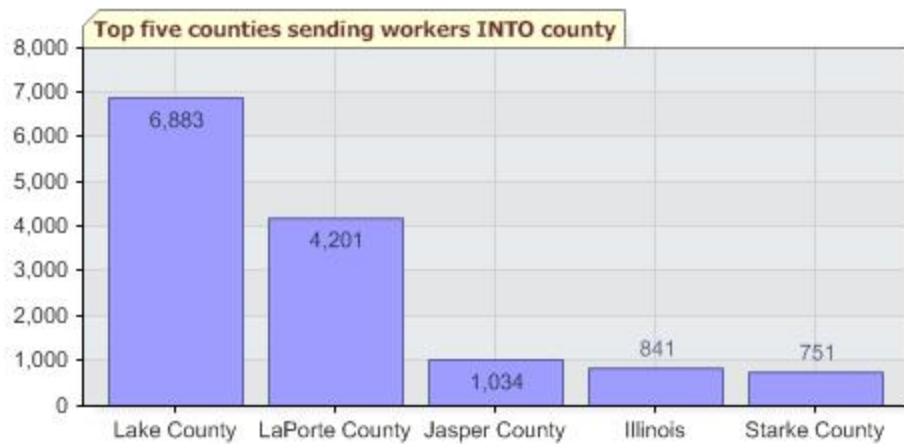
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	107,546
Number of tax filers who work in the county	86,567
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	71,582
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	14,985

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

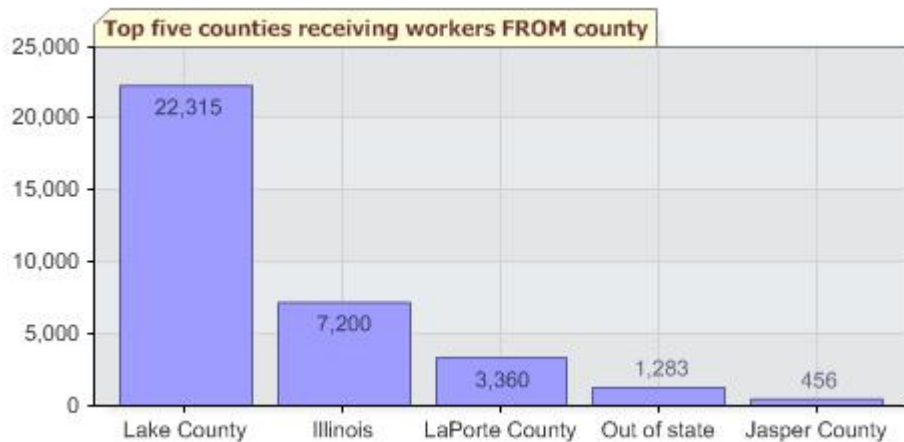
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Lake County	6,883	52.4%
LaPorte County	4,201	32.0%
Jasper County	1,034	7.9%
Illinois	841	6.4%
Starke County	751	5.8%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Lake County	22,315	64.5%
Illinois	7,200	20.8%
LaPorte County	3,360	9.7%
Out of state	1,283	3.7%
Jasper County	456	1.3%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

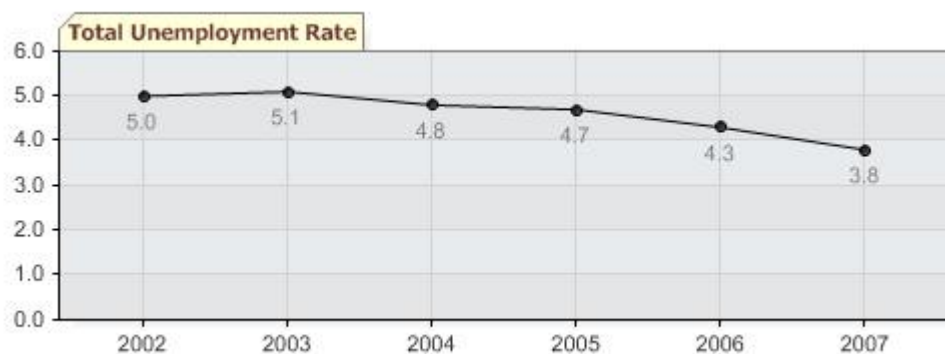
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	72,441	100.0%
Travel To Work	70,611	97.5%
Car, Truck, or Van	67,604	93.3%
Traveled Alone	61,918	85.5%
Carpooled	5,686	7.8%
Used Public Transportation	931	1.3%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	2,076	2.9%
Worked At Home	1,830	2.5%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	25.9	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	86.5	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

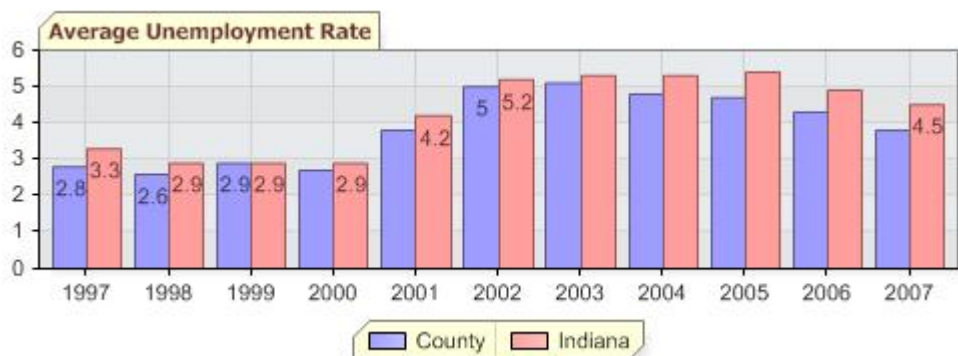
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	83,423	7.1%
Employed	80,233	5.9%
Unemployed	3,190	49.1%
Rate	3.8	40.7%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	76,257	74,133	2,124	2.8	3.3
1998	77,075	75,092	1,983	2.6	2.9
1999	77,128	74,924	2,204	2.9	2.9
2000	77,907	75,767	2,140	2.7	2.9
2001	78,841	75,871	2,970	3.8	4.2
2002	79,480	75,524	3,956	5.0	5.2
2003	79,429	75,385	4,044	5.1	5.3
2004	79,366	75,544	3,822	4.8	5.3
2005	80,979	77,187	3,792	4.7	5.4
2006	82,847	79,259	3,588	4.3	4.9
2007	83,423	80,233	3,190	3.8	4.5



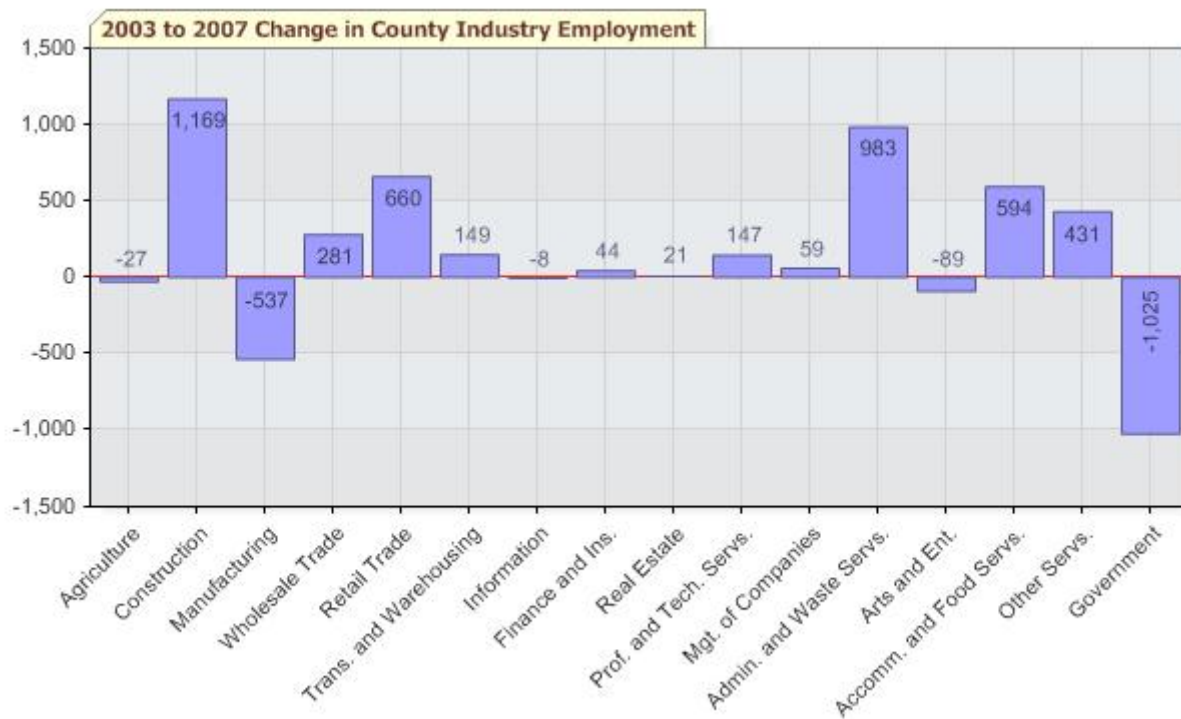
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	52,324	53,064	54,319	55,583	57,281	4,957	9.47%
Total Private Employment	43,672	44,262	45,373	46,556	49,654	5,982	13.70%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	72	45	44	43	45	-27	-37.50%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	3,606	3,858	4,019	4,520	4,775	1,169	32.42%
Manufacturing	9,701	9,003	8,973	8,897	9,164	-537	-5.54%
Wholesale Trade	2,401	2,445	2,673	2,711	2,682	281	11.70%
Retail Trade	6,431	6,428	6,675	6,567	7,091	660	10.26%
Transport. and Warehousing	1,591	1,665	1,783	1,829	1,740	149	9.37%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	477	528	495	490	469	-8	-1.68%
Finance and Insurance	1,209	1,265	1,270	1,311	1,253	44	3.64%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	590	572	586	581	611	21	3.56%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	1,585	1,669	1,705	1,698	1,732	147	9.27%
Mgmt. of Companies	94	98	111	131	153	59	62.77%
Admin. and Waste Services	1,752	2,072	2,074	2,291	2,735	983	56.11%
Educational Services	1,972	2,074	2,141	2,208	2,229	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,313	4,434	4,478	4,744	6,156	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	700	706	720	622	611	-89	-12.71%
Accommodation and Food Service	4,860	5,007	5,148	5,320	5,454	594	12.22%
Other Services	1,875	1,932	2,033	2,132	2,306	431	22.99%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	8,652	8,802	8,946	9,027	7,627	-1,025	-11.85%

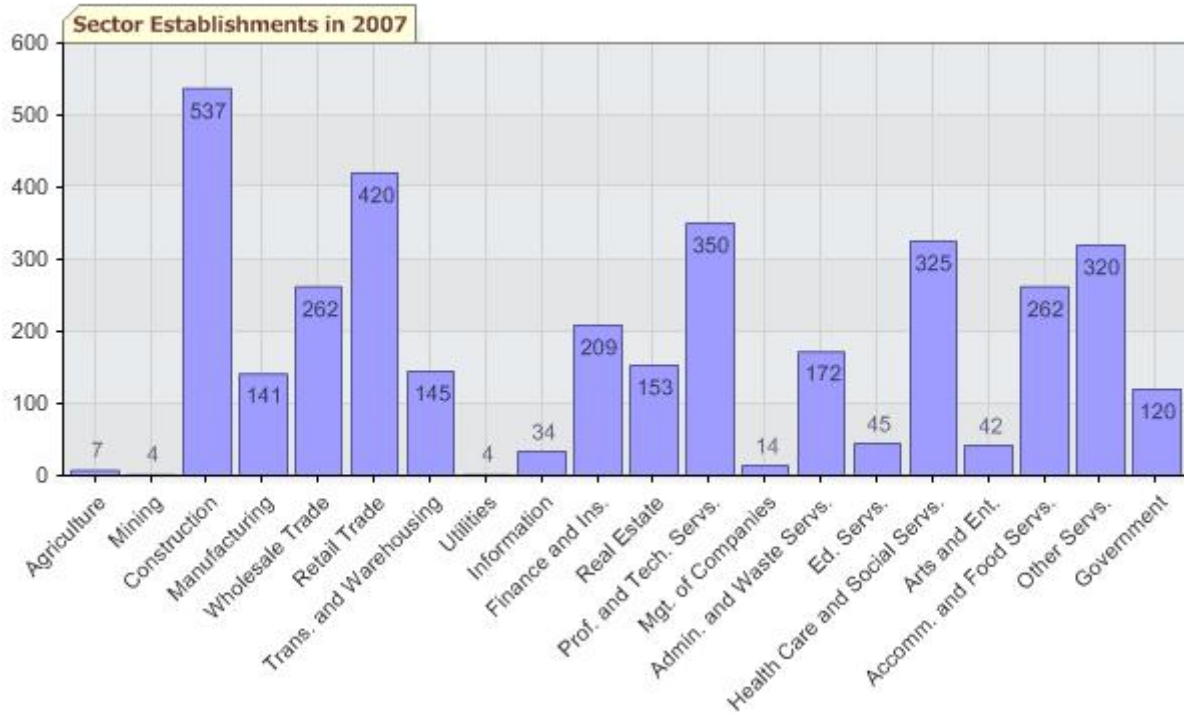


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	3,281	3,361	3,438	3,503	3,565	284	8.66%
Total Private Establishments	3,161	3,241	3,318	3,382	3,445	284	8.98%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	9	8	8	6	7	-2	-22.22%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	467	495	509	528	537	70	14.99%
Manufacturing	136	140	140	138	141	5	3.68%
Wholesale Trade	247	254	255	264	262	15	6.07%
Retail Trade	418	418	422	414	420	2	0.48%
Transport. and Warehousing	131	130	138	144	145	14	10.69%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	35	33	32	31	34	-1	-2.86%
Finance and Insurance	176	186	190	201	209	33	18.75%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	135	137	145	153	153	18	13.33%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	307	317	334	345	350	43	14.01%
Mgmt. of Companies	10	11	12	13	14	4	40.00%
Admin. and Waste Services	159	165	174	177	172	13	8.18%
Educational Services	28	34	38	41	45	17	60.71%
Health Care and Social Assistance	300	300	298	304	325	25	8.33%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	37	38	42	40	42	5	13.51%
Accommodation and Food Service	248	251	257	258	262	14	5.65%
Other Services	311	316	318	317	320	9	2.89%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	120	120	120	121	120	0	0.00%



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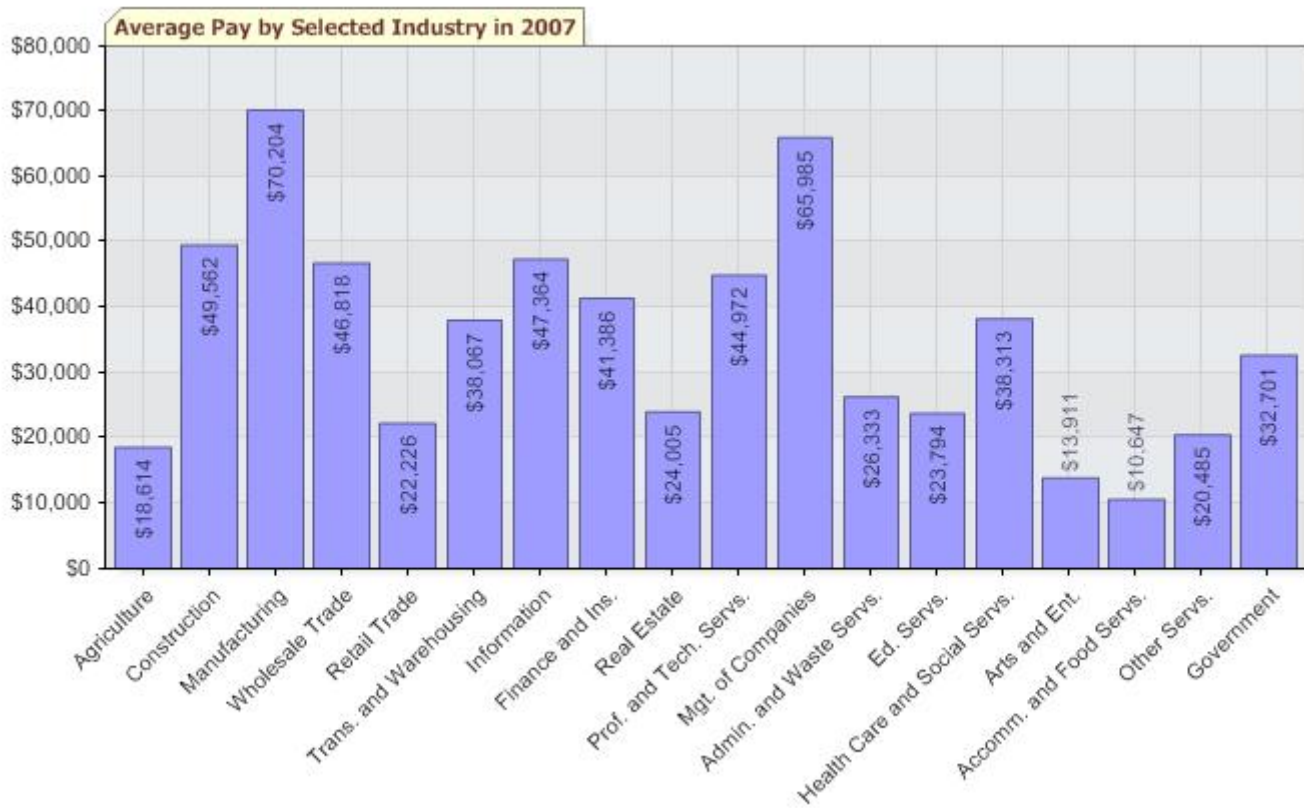
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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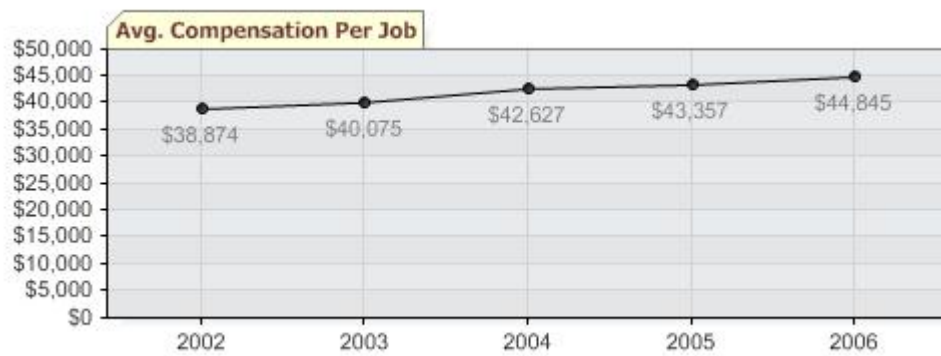
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$33,075	\$37,730	\$4,655	14.1%	\$37,530	100.5%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$12,328	\$18,614	\$6,286	51.0%	\$28,008	66.5%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$39,695	\$49,562	\$9,867	24.9%	\$44,754	110.7%
Manufacturing	\$55,436	\$70,204	\$14,768	26.6%	\$51,148	137.3%
Wholesale Trade	\$42,941	\$46,818	\$3,877	9.0%	\$51,432	91.0%
Retail Trade	\$20,882	\$22,226	\$1,344	6.4%	\$22,581	98.4%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$35,236	\$38,067	\$2,830	8.0%	\$38,012	100.1%
Utilities	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$44,593	\$47,364	\$2,770	6.2%	\$46,311	102.3%
Finance & Insurance	\$35,287	\$41,386	\$6,099	17.3%	\$52,649	78.6%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$21,147	\$24,005	\$2,858	13.5%	\$32,614	73.6%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$38,157	\$44,972	\$6,815	17.9%	\$51,451	87.4%
Mgt.of Companies	\$55,105	\$65,985	\$10,881	19.7%	\$72,682	90.8%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$26,159	\$26,333	\$174	0.7%	\$24,934	105.6%
Education Svcs.	\$20,505	\$23,794	\$3,288	16.0%	\$31,029	76.7%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$33,358	\$38,313	\$4,954	14.9%	\$37,706	101.6%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$12,676	\$13,911	\$1,235	9.7%	\$29,251	47.6%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$10,120	\$10,647	\$527	5.2%	\$12,442	85.6%
Other Svcs.	\$17,900	\$20,485	\$2,584	14.4%	\$24,862	82.4%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$30,419	\$32,701	\$2,282	7.5%	\$37,054	88.3%



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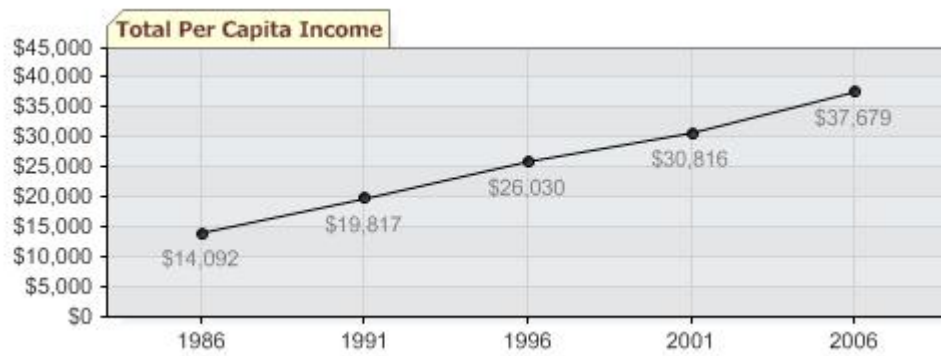
Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$38,874	\$40,075	\$42,627	\$43,357	\$44,845
Change Since 2002		\$1,201	\$3,753	\$4,483	\$5,971
Pct. Change Since 2002		3.1%	9.7%	11.5%	15.4%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$14,092	\$19,817	\$26,030	\$30,816	\$37,679
Change Since 1986		\$5,725	\$11,938	\$16,724	\$23,587
Pct. Change Since 1986		40.6%	84.7%	118.7%	167.4%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	\$71,292
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	\$59,521
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$37,730
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	28.4%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

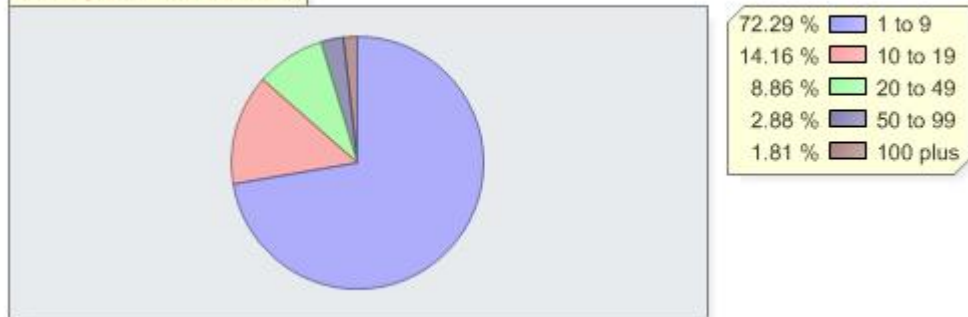
Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006				
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	2,635	240	10.0%	72.3%
10-19 employees	516	60	13.2%	14.2%
20-49 employees	323	26	8.8%	8.9%

50-99 employees	105	16	18.0%	2.9%
100 plus employees	66	10	17.9%	1.8%
TOTAL	3,645	352	10.7%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

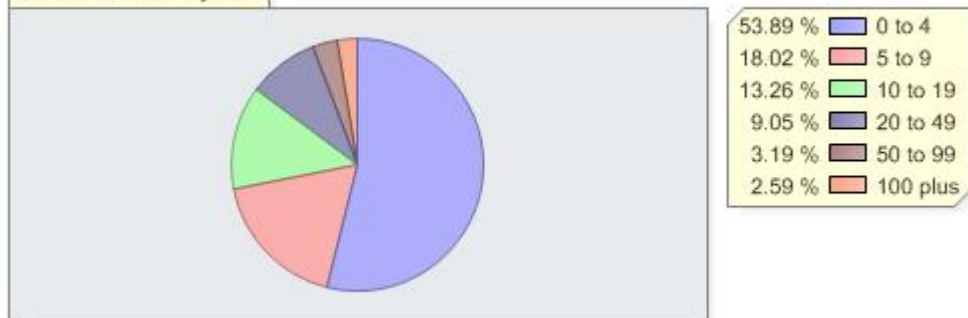


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	1,959	53.9%
5 to 9 employees	655	18.0%
10 to 19 employees	482	13.3%
20 to 49 employees	329	9.1%
50 to 99 employees	116	3.2%
100 plus employees	94	2.6%
TOTAL	3,635	100.0%

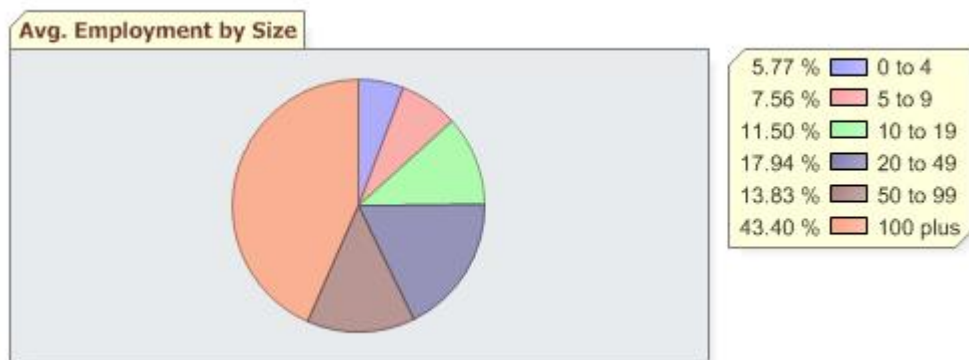
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	3,294	5.8%
5 to 9 employees	4,317	7.6%
10 to 19 employees	6,572	11.5%
20 to 49 employees	10,251	17.9%
50 to 99 employees	7,904	13.8%
100 plus employees	24,799	43.4%
TOTAL	57,137	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.